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SUBJECT: YAMANI SPEAKING AT AP MEETING

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1. AP TODAY RUNS NEWS ITEM ON AP CHAIRMAN PAUL MILLER'S ANNOUNCEMENT IN NEW YORK THAT YAMANI HAS AGREED TO ADDRESS THE ANNUAL AP MEETING IN NEW ORLEANS APRIL 7. MARVIN ARROWSMITH, AP MANAGER IN WASHINGTON, INFORMS DEPARTMENT THAT MILLER RECEIVED THIS CONFIRMATION DIRECTLY IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION FEBRUARY 25 WITH "YAMANI AIDE", IN VIENNA. IT WAS AGREED THAT YAMANI AND MILLER ARE TO EXCHANGE LETTERS ON THE DETAILS OF YAMANI'S TRAVEL AND LIVING ARRANGEMENTS. AP IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER YAMANI ALSO INTENDS TO ACCEPT INVITATION OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR TO ADDRESS THE LATER AMERICAN SOCIETY OF NEWSPAPER EDITORS (ASNE) IN WASHINGTON (NOT BOSTON, AS IN REFTEL). ARROWSMITH SAYS AP CONFIDENT THAT NO MISUNDERSTANDING EXISTS AND YAMANI WILL ATTEND AP FUNCTION.

2. IF YOU THINK DESIRABLE, SUGGEST YOU CLARIFY WHETHER
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YAMANI CHANGED HIS MIND AFTER AMBASSADOR'S MEETING (REFTEL)

AND PLANS TO ADDRESS BOTH AP AND ASNE MEETINGS, OR ONE AND
NOT THE OTHER. OBVIOUSLY, ANY MISUNDERSTANDING WITH EITHER

OF THESE PRESTIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS WOULD BE HARMFUL. KISSINGER

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